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Dear Parent/Carer,

Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award Expedition



I am writing to you as I am aware that your child was due to complete the canoeing or walking expedition element of the award and neither was able to take place last academic year. We are working hard to put in place an option for your child to complete a walking expedition in July 2021, Covid – 19 restrictions allowing.

As I am sure you are aware the restrictions are ever changing but we feel very strongly about ensuring there is an opportunity for your child to complete their expedition. In order to make this as realistic as possible we will only be offering a walking expedition; however, this is available to all students regardless of whether they initially were enrolled for the walking or canoeing expedition.

We are also very aware of the importance of Year 11 for your child in school and therefore our ambition is to run the walking expedition after the GCSE's have been completed and therefore for it to take place in July. We would like to initially confirm how many of the students would potentially be interested in completing the expedition at this time.

We are aiming to offer the expedition for the cost of approximately £52 this will be required when we have an idea of numbers and dates. At present I hope you can understand that we are unable to specify dates for the expedition due to the ever-changing Covid-19 restrictions.

Please email Ms Johnson to indicate whether your child is or is not interested in completing their expedition in July 2021.

During this time your child is still able to continue working towards their award by completing their Skill, Volunteering and Physical sections of the award. The parameters in which to do these elements have been adjusted to fit in with current circumstances. An example of this would be that your child can volunteer for a family member i.e. taking shopping to them or by helping coach a younger sibling with an activity. Additionally, I am also now able to be your child's assessor for these elements. This means that if they send me their evidence, I am able to sign it off for the completion of that section of the award.

Lots more information is available regarding this and your child completing their award. This can be found at: <https://www.dofe.org/dofewithadifference>

If you or child have any concerns these please do not hesitate to contact me at: djohnson@stanborough.herts.sch.uk

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Yours faithfully

Ms D Johnson
Duke of Edinburgh Award Co-ordinator

